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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 31 March 1954

PRESENT: General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Colonel White, Messrs.  
Kirkpatrick, Sheldon, [REDACTED]

General Cabell:

a. Asked Mr. Sheldon to determine whether there was any study being made of the methods used by the Viet Minh for "hopping up" their troops in battle.

b. Mentioned an NSC paper that will be discussed at the NSC meeting on 1 April regarding the use of U. S. agricultural surpluses for barter to the Soviets. Mr. Wisner recommended that we find out what Governor Stassen's line was during the London Conferences on East-West Trade.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Mentioned his favorable conversation with Senator Fulbright regarding the Mansfield Bill now before Congress. Mr. Wisner further mentioned that there were other members of Congress that he may contact in this connection. Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that the Clerk of the Committee on Rules and Administration, United States Senate, had forwarded a letter asking for the Director's views on this Bill. General Cabell stated that he had delivered to Dewey Short the Director's message that he, the Director, would gladly meet with any group that <sup>Cong.</sup> Senator Short should nominate.

b. Referred to a proposed cable [REDACTED] for General Cabell's release regarding our estimate of Chinese reaction if the Geneva Conference should break down.

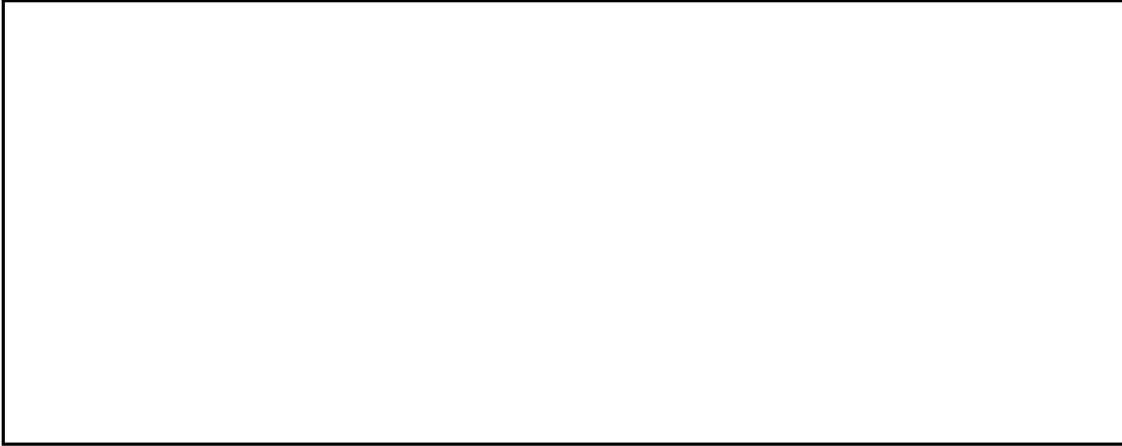
c. Mentioned he had received a reply from Doc Matthews regarding a replacement for [REDACTED]. The names suggested by Matthews, all of which were very high level, indicate the importance that Matthews attaches to the job.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Mentioned that Senator Scrivner had requested our evaluation of the long-range photos of Soviet aircraft. When we stated we were prepared to give him this evaluation, he remarked that it might be well to have it presented before the whole Committee. Mr. Kirkpatrick recommended that since this is an Air Force matter, General Samford should be present. General Cabell stated that he would like to have Mr. Amory's views on this matter. (Mr. Amory invited General Samford, who declined.)

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Mr. Sheldon:



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